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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eight of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a. [REDACTED] FOIA b3a did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 4/7

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages1) Personnel Situation

(1) To the critical situations reported in regard to the recruitment and care of personnel, such as nonfulfillment of the conscription plans, lack of satisfactory quarters for the conscripts and irregular or insufficient supply of food to personnel, have recently been joined further important difficulties in the payment of wages. The NKRF office in Kujbyshev reports that the fund set up for pay and allowances was overdrawn by 157,000 rubles in the period from January to June, 1943. Of this amount only 67,000 rubles have been covered up to now by the NKRF Directorate in Moscow. Including a debt from the preceding year, the NKRF office in Kujbyshev has a liability account of over 130,000 rubles. The local branch of the Gosbank refuses any further payment and the office is no longer in a position to pay out wages and allowances.

(2) Larger bonuses are being noted at various plants and offices of the NKRF. Every method is being tried to prevent the output of work from falling.

The Lower Volga Steamship Agency received 100,000 rubles	
Stalingrad, an NKRF office	" 35,000 "
Astrakhan, River Fleet Harbor	" 25,000 "
Khabarovsk, River Fleet Steamship Agency	" 45,000 "

(3) According to a government decree, transport workers in the Stalingrad and Astrakhan rajons are receiving additional allotments of bread, tobacco, rice, canned meat, and dried fruit for output exceeding the norm (in shipping export goods and fuel). Allotments per person are not known. In all 13.5 tons of bread and 1.4 tons of tobacco were placed at the disposal of the Port of Astrakhan for this purpose. Further allocations are to follow.

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(4) The NKRF plant in Kujbyshev had to discontinue welding, because only two welders were left after personnel were transferred to other departments.

(5) Depots for firewood and construction timber are being organized in Ural'sk and in Ural'sk Oblast'. Because of lack of personnel, this work is to be carried out by prisoners and convalescent Red Army men.

2) Food Situation

(6) The cultivation of potatoes, grain, and vegetables planted by the NKRF offices is taking an unsatisfactory course in many places, mainly because of the lack of labor.

(7) The Water Transport Base in Krasnoyarsk reports that as of 20 June the sowing plan is only 41% fulfilled. Kujbyshev NKRF requires an additional 860 tons of potatoes and 300 tons of vegetables, since the 278 hectares provided cannot cover its own yearly needs.

(8) Because of drought 65 hectares of barley and 95 hectares of millet have not come up in Rostov/Don Oblast'. The delivery of seed grain for the spring of 1944 is in question. Cattle feed is scarce, so that deliveries cannot be carried out.

(9) There are several messages about difficulties in supplying personnel of various NKRF offices with additional food. Kujbyshev requested additional food but received a negative reply and instructions to take care of the workers from its own supplies. Kalach, NKRF, did not receive additional food in the second quarter for the personnel of the Reconstruction Directorate, although the food was requisitioned and is being requisitioned again for the third quarter. Likewise Kamust'e (65 kilometers south of Kazan') has not received additional food since the beginning of the shipping season.

These irregularities are apparently based less on a general scarcity of food, for which there are no indications, than on transport difficulties. In this regard Kujbyshev NKRF reports that two barges, one with 1027 tons of grain and one with 1900 tons of oats, are waiting for the goods to be unloaded onto the railroad, which cannot take place for lack of proper arrangements. Therefore the barges must stand idle for a long time. Since 28 June, 204 tons of hay, destined for the Military Directorate of the

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Voronezh Front, have been held in Saratov, NKRF. Omsk, NKRF, did not fulfill the salt transport program in the 1st ten-day period of July.

(10) In the future in Kustanaj, fishing is to be pursued more strongly. Perch and other small fish are to be canned. Salted fish are to be delivered to the army commissary departments in Astrakhan and Saratov.

(11) There are striking messages concerning grain deliveries from Rostov/Don Oblast'. The army stud farms of this oblast' are to deliver 2,000 tons of oats and barley to the state collection points, while the Grain Procurement in Rostov/Don must undertake greater deliveries to the Southern Front. See table for details.

(12) On 25 June the Trust "Gigant" in Rostov/Don delivered 1029 tons of bread grain to the state collection points instead of the planned 800 tons.

(13) The ship repair yard in Saratov requires 2 tons of fodder grain for July.

Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(14) Southern Front	2,000 tons	Bread grain	Grain Procurement, Rostov/Don	--
(15) Kujbyshev, NKRF	5 "	Fodder grain	--	in July for ship repairs
(16) Stalingrad, NKRF	2 "	"	--	"
(17) Ural'sk, NKRF	0.5 "	"	--	"
(18) Southern Front	1,000 "	Groats	Grain Procurement, Rostov/Don	--
	3,000 "	Corn fodder		
(19) South-West Front	10 "	Corn fodder	"	in July
(20) Southern Front	3 "	"	"	"
(21) Stalingrad, NKRF	350 tubs	Butter	Konstantinovo	--
(22) NKRF Institute in Gor'kij	2 tons 4 tons 100 head	Live cattle Fish Sheep	Gor'kij, NKRF	--

3) Oil Supply

(23) Norms for the use of fuel in navigation could be taken from a message to Khabarovsk, NKRF:

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For one unit of work (a power-day, equaling 24 horsepower-hours) the following quantities of fuel are planned for the third quarter in steam navigation:

	<u>Use during the voyage</u>	<u>Use during stop-overs</u>
Mixed fuels	33.5 kgs.	4.8 kgs.
Mazut	25.5 "	2.8 "

3.3 kgs. of motor fuel are planned for motor ships.

(24) Stalingrad, NKRF, reports that "Volgatanker" has discontinued the delivery of fuel from barges. Oil Supply distributes fuel from its depot only according to the fixed allotment.

(25) The Chief Oil Supply in Ural'sk has refused delivery of fuel and lubricants for agriculture.

(26) The winter allotments of fuel could be noted for various shipping directorates. The fuel in question is to be used for ship repair work and may not be touched before 1 November. There are the following receipts from Kamust'e:

Kujbyshev, NKRF	400 tons of oil
Ufa, NKRF	150 " " "
Molotov, NKRF	800 " " "

The 800 tons delivered to Molotov are divided as follows:

Plant "Staryj Burlak" in Molotov	350 tons of oil
for Zaozer'e	150 " " "
for Chistopol'	300 " " "

(27) Astrakhan, NKRF, allotted a total of 13,170 tons of oil mixture in May.

Authorizations

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(28) Gor'kij, NKRF	10 tons	Mazut	--	--
(29) Omsk, NKRF	720 "	Oil	Kujbyshev and Saratov	in July
(30) Astrakhan, NKRF	480 "	"	"	"
(31) Rostov/Don, NKRF	25 tons	Petroleum	--	in July (in place of diesel fuel)
(32) Stalingrad, NKRF	2 "	"	--	in July
	2 "	Gasoline		

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(33)	Astrakhan, NKRF	1400 tons	Motor Oil	--	in July
<u>Requisitions</u>					
(34)	Rostov/Don, NKRF	2 tons	Gasoline	--	additional
(35)	Pyatigorsk	5 "	"	--	in July,
		5 "	Petroleum	--	additional
(36)	Rostov/Don	54 "	Diesel Oil	--	for shoe factory
(37)	Rostov/Don	3 "	Ligroin	--	additional
(38)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	6 "	Cylinder Oil	--	for the 3rd
		5 "	Lubricating Oil (constant heat)	--	quarter

(39) Krasnoyarsk, oil turnover for the second quarter:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Used</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Solidol	2.8 tons	5.5 tons	0.6 tons
Nigrol	6.0 "	1.7 "	5.5 "
Machine Oil	27.0 "	30.0 "	
Transformer Oil	0.3 "		
Motor Oil	15.0 "	19.5 "	0.4 "
Spindle Oil	3.0 "	5.7 "	2.3 "
Viscosin		0.4 "	
Avtol		39.0 "	
Constant Heat Lubricating Oil		11.0 "	
Turbine Oil			2.7 "
Lubricating Mazut			0.2 "

(40) Fuel turnover for June:

Ural'sk

Mazut	394 tons	87 tons
Gasoline	1781 "	0.7"
	2219 "	3.7"

Gur'ev

Mazut	160 "	--
Petroleum	0.5"	--
Motor Fuel	0.8"	--

4) Coal Supply

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Requisitions

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(41) Shoe Factory in Rostov/ Don	173 tons	Pit Coal	--	for July(?)
(42) Plant for Waterworks Projects in Moscow	100 "	Anthracite	Shakhty	for July
(43) Fat Combine "Kirov" in Gor'kij	180 "	"	"	"
(44) Pencil Factory "Krasin" in Moscow	100 "	"	"	"
(45) Pencil Factory "Sacco Vanzetti" in Moscow	100 "	"	"	"
(46) Ural'sk, NKRF	1 carload (some 20-30 tons)	Coke	--	no coke has been received for a quarter
(47) Gur'ev, NKRF	1 carload	Coke	--	--
(48) Foundry (?) in Novocherkassk	1 carload	Coke	"Krasnyj Sulin" (Rostov/Don Rajon)	for July

Authorizations

(49) Rostov/Don, NKRF	2960 tons	Pit Coal	--	for July, for Recon- struction Directorate
(50) Pharmaceutical Chemical Plant in Voroshilovgrad	400 "	"	Mine "Krasnyj Oktyabr'", Rostov/Don	for July (?)
(51) Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency, Semipalatinsk	1200 "	"	--	--
(52) Tyumen', NKRF	1800 "	"	--	--
(53) Ural, Steamship Agency	100 "	"	--	--

Deliveries

(54) Tyumen', NKRF	2500 tons	Pit Coal	--	in June
(55) Kulomzino, NKRF	6100 "	"	--	"
(56) NK for Transportation (location not given)	2220 "	"	Shakhty	on 3 July

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(57)	NK for Transportation	2710 tons	Pit Coal	Shakhty	on 4 July
(58)	Voroshilovgrad	6234 "	"	"	for NK for Transportation and other enterprises
(59)	--	6550 "	"	"	on 3 and 4 July

5) Production and Construction

Reports concerning the status of work in NKRF shipyards:

(60) In Kujbyshev as of 10 July, 56 ships have been examined by the inspection authorities. The same office has requisitioned planks for building wooden flatboats. The requisition was refused, with instructions that driftwood is to be used for this purpose.

(61) Chistopol', NKRF, is to receive new dock installations from Krasnoarmejsk.

(62) New shipyards are in construction in Cherdyn, NKRF.

(63) In Kalach, NKRF, 80 flatboats were repaired and released to traffic in the second 10-day period of June. The shipyard is also repairing motor ships and barges.

(64) An NKRF plant in the neighborhood of Kujbyshev has fulfilled its production plan by 106%, for which a bonus of 15,600 rubles has been proposed. Another plant has fulfilled the plan by 105%.

(65) Preparations for ship repair work and the procurement of fuel and the necessary wagons are encountering the greatest difficulties in certain NKRF enterprises, among which are Gor'kij, Molotov, Kirov, Kujbyshev, and Ural'sk.

(66) The oven of the cement plant in Voroshilovgrad was fired up on 23 June.

(67) The cement plant "Bol'shevik" in Kujbyshev has to deliver 2000 tons of cement to the motor vehicle plant in Gor'kij. The shipment is running into difficulties for lack of sacks.

(68) Kujbyshev must undertake extraordinary deliveries of chalk. The following deliveries are provided for:

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210 tons to the Upper Volga Steamship Agency in Gor'kij
50 tons to Stalingrad
40 tons to Astrakhan
50 tons to NKRF offices in Moscow
16 tons to the Enisej Steamship Agency in Krasnoyarsk.

(69) In June the clay pit in Belkinsk, Chelyabinsk Oblast', delivered 1 car-load of ceramic clay to Chkalovsk, NKRF. Ural'sk, NKRF, urgently requires 17 tons of fireproof tile, which is to come from Gor'kij.

(70) Various factories are being evacuated from Leningrad to the Urals, including the plant "Voroshilov" and a dye factory. Still other plants are probably being evacuated.

(71) Newly noted plants:

Cement plant in Voroshilovgrad
Fat Combine "Kirov" in Gor'kij
Pencil Factory "Krasin" in Moscow
Pencil Factory "Sacco Vanzetti"
Plant (probably a foundry) in Novocherkassk
Pharmaceutical chemical plant in Voroshilovgrad
Mine "Krasnyj Oktyabr'" near Rostov/Don
Plant 631 in Novosibirsk Rajon
Plant 689 in Kujbyshev Rajon

6) Transport Situation

(72) The transport situation in the River Fleet is to be regarded as unsatisfactory for the future. The Middle Volga Steamship Agency in Saratov reports that the docks are overloaded with goods for transshipment, whereby delays of longer duration are being caused in the clearance of newly arrived ships. According to this report, the Upper and Lower Volga are "plugged up" with caravans of ships. The following cases were cited in this report as especially noteworthy: that in the period from 21 June to 5 July only 13 barges were unloaded in Saratov, and they were compelled to lie partly idle up to 5 days; and that in the period from 20 June to 8 July salt transports lay idle for 8 days for lack of tugs.

(73) The NKRF office in Saratov requests from the Chief Directorate in Moscow, in order to meet the situation, full powers to mobilize the population and to draw in the local military units.

(74) It is reported from Krasnoyarsk, NKRF, that no timber floatings are to be expected from the Arctic oblasti in the second 10-day period of June. This

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places fulfillment of the projected towing plans in jeopardy.

(75) The following were to arrive in Kujbyshev Rajon for transshipment:

<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Place of Reloading</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Coke	Batraki	in May	800 tons
"	"	" June	1400 "
Metal	Kujbyshev	" April	2110 "
"	"	" May (?)	4700 "
"	"	" June (?)	2860 "
Cotton	"	" May/June	5900 "
"	Uvek	" June	9300 "
"	Batraki	" "	3800 "

(76) Further transshipment plans were noted for:

Stalingrad	15000 tons of coal
Semipalatinsk	13000 " " "
"	20 " " matches
"	20 " " textiles
Omsk	11700 " " coal

(77) Motor ships which have arrived for use in the Don-Kuban Steamship

Agency are to be converted from wood-burning to coal-burning in forestless areas, since the wood supply is very questionable.